

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

PATENT APPLICATION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

WITH SIGNED DECLARATION

NONPROVISIONAL  
NON REISSUE  
NON PCT NAT PHASE



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Sir:

Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of  
Inventor(s): YOKOI

Title STAMP DETECTING DEVICE, STAMP DETECTING  
METHOD, LETTER PROCESSING APPARATUS AND  
LETTER PROCESSING METHOD

Atty. Dkt.: P 283647 M# T4HT-01S05691  
Client Ref

including:

Date: September 19, 2001

1. Specification: 33 pages (only spec. and claims) 2. ☐ Specification in non-English language  
3. Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy ☒ Abstract 1 page(s); 20 numbered claims  
4. ☒ Drawings: 13 sheet(s) ☐ informal; ☒ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"  
5. ☒ See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not  
complete item 6 or 7). (Prior M# SN )  
6. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application  
by this reference:

No. / filed  
No. / filed  
No. / filed  
No. PCT / filed

designated the US and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English

7. ☒ See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US  
application(s)

8. ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.

9. ☐ Assignee (optional):

Address

10. FOREIGN priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in JAPAN

11. (country)

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 2000-286026	September 20, 2000	(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	
(7)		(8)	
(9)		<input type="checkbox"/> See 3 <sup>rd</sup> page for additional priorities	

12. 1 (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☒ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) filed on  
in U.S. Application No. /

13. Small entity status ☐ is not claimed; ☐ is claimed (Pre-filing confirmation required)

- 13(a). ☐ Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)

- 13(b). ☐ See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

14. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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(1)		(4)	
(2)		(5)	
(3)		(6)	

15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☐ Attached:

17. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

**THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED**

				Large/Small Entity		Fee Code
18. Basic Filing Fee				\$710/\$355	\$710	101/201
19. Total Effective Claims	20	minus 20 =	*0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ 0	103/203
20. Independent Claims	6	minus 3 =	*3	x \$80/\$40 =	+ 240	102/202
				*If answer is zero or less, enter "0"		
21. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, add (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application)				+ \$270/\$135	+ 0	104/204
				<b>TOTAL FILING FEE ENCLOSED =</b>	<b>\$950</b>	
23. If "non-English" box 2 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee				+ \$130	+ 0	139
24. If "assignment" box 8 is X'd, add recording fee				+ \$40	+ 40	581
25. Attached is a Petition/Fee under Rule No.				+ \$130	+ 0	122
26.				<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =</b>	<b>\$990</b>	

Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975

Our Order No. 8312 283647

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**This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.**

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